A word from our Principal

Dear Parents,

The end of Term One is almost upon us. The time has passed very quickly with lots happening in such a short time:

Information evening and whole school picnic – February 26
It was a beautiful warm evening where families gathered on the lawn where they shared a BBQ and socialised. Numbers were a little disappointing. Primary numbers were good, but secondary from year nine upwards were poor. This is a good opportunity for families to meet with each other and to touch base with their children’s teachers as well as glean information about what the 2015 school year will bring.

School Council AGM – March 2
There are a number of new faces on council, with a good blend of primary and secondary parents. Welcome to Laura Spirt, Jewel Dornin, Stephen Jay, Samantha Kensley, Sara Garrido-Diaz and Brian Fields. New DET member is Jacqui Wiltshire, our Acting Leading Teacher.

Swimming Carnival – March 5
The weather was not as good for this annual event, but there were many periods of warmth and sunshine interspersed with rain – but those students who did attend thoroughly enjoyed their time competing in both the serious and not so serious events. A number of students that were successful on the day will now be attending the District Swimming Carnival.

Commencement of School Review – March 13
The school review runs for a period of four days over two weeks. The outcome of the review will drive the direction of the school over the next four years. Parents are invited to come along to the parent forum to provide feedback to the reviewers on Thursday, March 19 from 9.30-11am. As well as the forum, there is an opportunity for individual parent conversations to take place as required.

Parking-Bus
Be aware of where you park in the car park at drop off and pick up time. Do not block in the bus or other users of the area.

As the mid semester break approaches, I wish all our families a safe and relaxing Easter break.

- Sue Holmes
Sherbies in the swim!

For the second year in a row, the whole school ventured down to Belgrave Outdoor Pool for our swimming carnival.

We were greeted by a massive downpour as soon as we arrived which made the day look doubtful. But, as luck would have it, the clouds and rain dispersed and we were left with perfect Autumn conditions.

In a festival like atmosphere, with music pumping, each house shouted encouragement for their fearless competitors.

The standard of this year’s swimming had improved significantly on previous years, as the positive effect our school’s swimming programme was for all to see.

All houses provided excellent competition in the pool, there however, can be only one winner.

The winner, and deservedly so, was YELLOW House. They were the best organised and supported on the day. They take home their first ever Swimming Carnival Shield!

Well done Yellow house!
Oscar shines

For the first time ever, Sherbrooke entered a team in the district swimming competition.

A star was born on the day with Oscar Woodward taking out every event he participated in. He won the freestyle, backstroke, breaststroke and butterfly! This meant that Oscar progressed through to the next stage, where he competed in the Eastern zone competition at Croydon Pool.

At that event Oscar won the backstroke and came second in the breaststroke! Amazing!

As he won his backstroke event, Oscar made it through to Eastern Metropolitan Region. The biggest swim meet in the East.

Oscar did exceptionally well by making it all the way to the final. He didn’t place in the final, but to get that far was a great achievement!

Some arty endeavours

This term Year 9 and 10 students have been investigating contemporary styles of Art that focus on environment and nature. In this photo (L) students Bec and Lili, have wrapped Rod’s car in a cocoon of brown paper. Meanwhile in grades 3 and 4, students are looking at Art and Nature. At right is an example of the students’ experiments using solarisation to produce beautiful sun prints.
Immunisations next term

Just a reminder that the Immunisation program will get underway in term two. Immunisation dates have been set as follows:
- April 23 - Years 7, 8, 9, 10
- June 22 - Year 7
- October 30 - Year 7
Information packs and forms will be sent home early in Week One of next term. Keep an eye out.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club continues to be hugely popular with the kids at Sherbrooke. The program runs every Tuesday and Thursday morning. We are looking for parent helpers for Term Two. If you can spare an hour one morning next term please speak to Sharon Harris or leave your contact details with Dot at the office.

Emily smashes her fundraising goal

Sherbrooke grade six student, Emily Spirt, took a brave stance for leukaemia research on Sunday, March 15th. In front of a group of family, friends and teachers she had her wavy brown hair shaved off. Holding the hank of beautiful hair, which will go to make wigs for cancer patients, she grinned at the crowd, with not a worry in the world.

Emily, who has experienced the loss of beloved friends through cancer, has far exceeded her ambitious goal of raising two thousand dollars. She has been supported by online donations, our school and many patrons of Hills cafes who put their change into the fundraising tins. Her fundraising will continue for 2 more months, but at last count she had raised just over $3000.

Yarra Ranges Councillor, Noel Cliff, watched the event and announced to the crowd that Emily had been invited to attend a Council Meeting and speak about cancer research, the event and the support she received at school and elsewhere.

Here’s what Emily had to say about her brave decision "I did the World’s Greatest Shave to do as much as I could to raise money for blood cancer research in Australia. Three years ago we lost our great friend Kaye to cancer and I am doing this for her. And because cancer sux. I still really miss her and I think she would be proud of me. And for those of you that are freaking out, don’t. It is only hair and it will grow back. This is way more important than how I look."

You can support Emily and read more about her journey on - http://my.leukaemiafoundation.org.au/emilyspirt

Why we love our school - Sherbrooke staff, Sue, Andrew and Joel, lend their support at Emily’s shave event in Upwey.
Funky Hair - fun for a cause

It was great to see so many of our students taking part in Funky Hair Friday this month.

This year our support of the World’s Greatest Shave Activity was personal, as one of our Year 6 students, Emily Spirt, took part to raise money for the Leukaemia Foundation.

Our students raised almost $100 in gold coin donations to put towards her ambitious goal of raising $2000.

The sea of colour was really impressive and Aldo looked particularly “rock star” - a real 80s flashback!

Some do’s worthy of mention were the hair buns as cupcakes and the hair buns as fluffy white clouds, then crowned with a rainbow headpiece.

Imaginations ran wild—which we just love at Sherbrooke!

Well done to everyone who supported Funky Hair Friday and Emily’s shave.
News bites & highlights

From the Art Room
The theme this term has been “Nature”. The primary kids have done solar paper and painting snails. A highlight of the high school art works has been the Year 9 & 10 environmental sculptures. See photos on page 3!

On a musical note
Interest from primary students has never been higher! Watch for their rock band on performance night. The whole school is busy rehearsing it will be amazing!

From the kitchen
A highlight has been a celebration of Australia’s multiculturalism through cooking. The year 9/10 kids have gone on a world tour of recipes starting with the first Australians, the white settlers and other nations such as Germany, Italy and China.

On sustainability
The focus is on energy. Over the holidays the whole school will change to LED lights and go onto a timer system to help save electricity.

Maybe you can start at Monbulk?
Coaching for all levels and ages available.
Private or Group sessions.
For Details Contact: Anthony Glynn - 0433 832 335

Like to play competitively?
Join in one of the Junior or Senior competitions.
Mid week, night and weekend competitions available.

How about Cardio Tennis Anyone?
Great fun, and can help improve your game.
For Details contact: Renae Aaron-Dawson - 0408 498 085

Become a Member!
Full and Social Memberships available.
(Only $230/y Family)
For Details contact: Daniel Currie - dpcurri@hotmail.com

Monbulk Tennis Club Inc
15 Moores Rd, Monbulk VIC 3793,
https://www.facebook.com/monbulktennisclub?pnref=lhc
OSHClub Holiday Program

Our School Holiday Programs are jam-packed with exciting activities and awesome excursions in a safe and friendly environment for primary school children aged 5 – 12 years of age. [Some programs cater for 3-4 years old.]

All our programs are fun and friendly and have relevant qualifications and background checks. We are open 7 days a week, 5 days a week, or half-time. If you would like us to provide a program at your school, please contact us.

For more information, please contact OSHClub on 08 8557 0700 or 1800 60 0570.

What are the activities?
→ Sports and games
→ Art and crafts
→ Music and dancing
→ Science and technology
→ Outdoor activities

What is included in the program?
→ Snacks and meals
→ All materials and equipment

What is not included in the program?
→ Transportation to and from the venue

What is the cost of the program?
→ $20 per day

What days are the programs available?
→ Monday to Friday

What is the minimum age for children to participate?
→ 5 years old

What is the maximum number of children per group?
→ 15 children

What is the ratio of children to staff?
→ 1:10

What is the cancellation policy?
→ Full refund if cancelled 24 hours before the program starts.

What is the refund policy?
→ No refund if cancelled less than 24 hours before the program starts.

What is the payment policy?
→ Payment is required in full at the time of booking.

What is the payment method?
→ Cash, credit card, or bank transfer

What is the venue?
→ OSHClub's facilities

What is the dress code?
→ Comfortable clothing and closed-toe shoes

What is the weather policy?
→ Programs will go ahead in all weather conditions.

What is the safety policy?
→ All programs are conducted in a safe and supervised environment.

What is the feedback policy?
→ Feedback is welcome and will be used to improve future programs.

What is the contact information?
→ OSHClub on 08 8557 0700 or 1800 60 0570

Book now at oshclub.com.au
The Basin Primary School

Monday 30th March to Friday 10th April 2015

Your fee is from: $725 - $850 per week
Contact us: 9562 5251

Address: Mountain Highway, The Basin VIC 3854

Monday 30th March

What's old is new again
Get creative and recycle or upgrade our collection of treasures with your imagination today!
Activities:
* Junk Robots
* Recycle Rainbow
* Bottle Bowling

Tuesday 31st March

Egg-stravaganza
Easter treasure and its way Egg-stra!
Activities:
* Egg and Spoon Races
* Pin the Tail on the Rabbit
* Easter Hat Parade
Inursion: Breakfast - Little Athletics
Additional Cost $6.00

Wednesday 1st April

Exotic India
Learn to Bollywood dance and explore the vibrant Indian culture with us today!
Activities:
* Elephant and tiger craft
* Rangoli Painting
* Marigold Garlands

Thursday 2nd April

Excursion Today
Go on an adventure with us as we set out to explore all that the Healesville Sanctuary has to offer.
Please arrive by: 8:45 am
For updated departure and return times please confirm with the program coordinator a few days prior.
Additional Cost $6.00

Friday 10th April

April Fools
Come along with your best practical jokes and have a laugh with us today!
Activities:
* Jester Hats
* Party Pranks
* Penny Faces
Inursion: Giant Disco
Additional Cost $6.00

Hours of Operation
7:00 am - 6:00 pm
Ph: 9562 5251